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Lt. Governor Appoints Members to Labor-Management Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation

(HELENA) – Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger today announced the appointment of 10 members to the newly formed Labor-Management Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation.

The advisory council is an outgrowth of the Workers' Compensation Study Project initiated by Lieutenant Governor Bohlinger earlier this year at the request of Governor Schweitzer. An internal team composed of staff from the Department of Labor and Industry and the State Auditor's Office conducted research on the workers' compensation system costs, benefits and premiums in Montana compared to a selected group of study states. The council will be asked to evaluate Montana's workers' compensation system, making policy recommendations as appropriate to the 2009 Montana Legislature.

The advisory council will consist of Lieutenant Governor Bohlinger, the administrator of the Department of Labor and Industry Employment Relations Division, Jerry Keck, as an ex-officio member, and 10 representatives of injured workers and employers.

The newly-appointed members representing injured workers are:

Jason Miller, Helena
Dan Lee, Missoula
Doug Buman, Seattle WA
Don Judge, Helena
Jacquie Helt, Missoula

The members representing employers are:

Bill Dahlgren, Missoula
Bob Worthington, Helena
Connie Welsh, Helena
Annette Hoffman, Billings
Riley Johnson, Helena

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